

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ETAC)

Special Meeting 30 March 2916

Hike of Suzuki Property

MINUTES

On 30 March 2016 at 10:00 AM members of the Environmental Technical Advisory Committee (Frank Gremse, Charlie Kratzer & Karl Shearer) hiked though the Suzuki Property. The committee was joined by 8 to 10 members of the public the majority of whom were residences of the Commodore Lane NW which immediately adjacent to the Suzuki Property. No sign up list was created for the members of the public.

Figure 1. – Suzuki Property Overview



The path which the committee followed is shown by the green line on Figure 1 and began at the bus stop on the south side of New Brooklyn Rd. We entered the property from the "bus Barn" access road and hiked past several old trees which are between 24 in. and 48 in. in diameter and appear to be a mix of Douglas firs and Western Red Cedars. These trees are in the area shown on Figure 1 bounded by the burnt orange line. The committee proceeded through this area and down to the small pond on the southern boundary of the property. The pond appears to be in excess of 200 feet across and is approximately 10 feet deep (depth estimate provided by local residents). It was described to the committee that the pond remains wet and deep year round varying in depth by 2 to 3 feet over the year. Given this description and the observation that the pond does not have excessive algal growth, it is reasonable to assume that the pond is feed at least to some extent by an island aquifer. The committee then proceeded to the southwest corridor of the property. The committee concluded its hike crossing over a small (seasonal ?) stream which may or may not have a relationship to local fish habitat. The committee proceeded along the western property boundary and finishing at the bus stop on New Brooklyn Rd. What we observed looking in to the property were numerous coniferous trees the majority of which were less the 12 in. in diameter.

Subsequently on 12 April 2016, Frank Gremse hiked the property a second time to look at the interior of the property which the committee could not get to on its visit because the area was too wet or "bog like" this hike path is shown on Figure 1 by the light burnt orange line. The area within the light green circle has numerous coniferous trees and significant moss growth on the ground and on fallen trees.

Fred Gremse, Chair 5/9/16